

Proceedings of the Delaware Valley Ornithological Club.—The present number of 'Cassinia'<sup>1</sup> forms volume VII of the Proceedings of the Delaware Valley Ornithological Club, and consists as usual of papers relating to the ornithology of Pennsylvania and New Jersey and an abstract of the proceedings of the Club, published under the editorship of Mr. Witmer Stone. The first article is an appreciative biographical sketch of John Kirk Townsend, by Mr. Stone, with a portrait. Other papers are: 'The Red-headed Woodpecker as a Pennsylvania and New Jersey Bird,' by Spencer Trotter; 'Notes on the Summer Birds of Lehigh Gap, Pennsylvania,' by James A. G. Rehn, an annotated list of 50 species; 'Exit the Dickcissel—a Remarkable Case of Local Extinction,' by Samuel N. Rhoads (noticed below, p. 401); 'Crow Roosts and Flight Lines in Southeastern Pennsylvania and New Jersey,' by Herbert L. Coggins (with map); 'Water Birds of the Middle Delaware Valley,' by Henry W. Fowler (notes on about 60 species); 'A Remarkable Night Migration at Mt. Pocono, Pa.,' by William L. Baily; 'Report on the Spring Migration of 1903,' compiled by Witmer Stone; also 'Abstract of the Proceedings' of the Club for 1903; 'City Ornithology,' 'Bird Club Notes,' and list of officers and members.—J. A. A.

Oddi's 'Manuale d'Ornitologia Italiana.'<sup>2</sup>—In a compact volume (5×3½ in.) of about 1100 pages Count Oddi has presented us with a most excellent manual of Italian ornithology, fully up to the modern standard of ornithological handbooks. It is profusely illustrated, some 400 text cuts being from original designs made expressly for the work. About 125 pages treat of the generalities of the subject, as the external structure, molt, migration, geographical distribution, nidification, classification, etc., and form Part I; Part II, consisting of about 900 pages, and forming the systematic part, gives descriptions and short biographies of the 473 species and subspecies constituting the Italian avifauna. The classification is not modern, beginning with the 'Accipitres' and ending with the 'Pygopodes,' but the work appears to have been prepared with care, and must place Italian bird students under a debt of gratitude to its talented author.—J. A. A.

<sup>1</sup> Cassinia, A Bird Annual. Proceedings of the Delaware Valley Ornithological Club of Philadelphia, 1903. Roy. Svo. pp. 88, frontispiece, and several half-tone plates and maps. 50 cents.

<sup>2</sup> Manuali Hoepli | — | Manuale di | Ornitologia Italiana | — | Elenco descrittivo | degli | Uccelli stazionari o di passaggio | finora osservati in Italia | Del | Conte Dott. E. Arrigona Degli Oddi | Libero Docente di Zoologia nella Regia Università di Padova, | Membro del Comitato Omologico Internazionale, etc. | Con 36 tavole | e 401 incisioni nel testo da disegni originali | [vignette] Ulrico Hoepli | Editore-Librario della Real Casa | Milano | 1904 — 5×3½ in., pp. 1-160, i-viii, 1 + 908, 36 half-tone plates and 401 text cuts. Lire 15.